

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic program guide system, comprising:

a first information handling system for obtaining programming information from a program information source and generating a program guide based upon the obtained program information;

a second information handling system coupled to said first information handling system, for receiving the program guide by causing said first information handling system to transmit the program guide to said second information handling system; and

said first information handling system being configured to search a worldwide network for information regarding a transitory broadcast event and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior to transmitting the program guide to said second information handling system.

2. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, said first and second information handling systems being configured to operate as a client and server system, said first information handling system being a server and said second information handling system being a client.

3. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, the worldwide network being the Internet.

4. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 1, wherein first information handling system is configured to search said worldwide network according to a list of parameters.

5. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 4, wherein said list of parameters includes a predetermined list of nodes.

6. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, said second information handling system being configured to receive a broadcast of the transitory broadcast event via the worldwide network.

7. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 1, the electronic program guide having a predetermined number of program channels, said first information handling system being configured to add the information regarding a transitory broadcast event as a channel in addition to the predetermined number of program channels in the electronic program guide.

8. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transitory broadcast event refers to a scheduled live broadcast event.

9. An electronic program guide system, comprising:

means for obtaining programming information from a program information source and generating a program guide based upon the obtained program information;

means, coupled to said obtaining means, for receiving the program guide by causing said obtaining means to transmit the program guide to said receiving means; and

said obtaining means being configured to search a worldwide network for information regarding a transitory broadcast event and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior to transmitting the program guide to said second information handling system.

10. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, said obtaining means and said receiving means being configured to operate as a client and server system, said obtaining means being a server and said receiving means being a client.

11. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, the worldwide network being the Internet.

12. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 9, wherein said obtaining means is configured to search said worldwide network according to a list of parameters.

13. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 12, wherein said list of parameters includes a predetermined list of nodes.

14. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, said receiving means being configured to receive a broadcast of the transitory broadcast event via the worldwide network.

15. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 9, the electronic program guide having a predetermined number of program channels, said obtaining means being configured to add the information regarding a transitory broadcast event as a channel in addition to the predetermined number of program channels in the electronic program guide.

16. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 9, wherein said transitory broadcast event refers to a scheduled live broadcast event.

17. An electronic program guide system, comprising:
means for obtaining programming information from a program information source;
means, coupled to said obtaining means, for generating a program guide based upon the obtained program information;
means, coupled to said obtaining means, for receiving the program guide by causing said obtaining means to transmit the program guide to said receiving means; wherein said obtaining means is configured to search a worldwide network for information regarding a scheduled live broadcast event and to incorporate the transitory event information into the generated program guide prior to transmitting the program guide to said second information handling system, the electronic program guide having a predetermined number of program channels, said obtaining means being configured to add the information regarding the scheduled live broadcast event as a channel in addition to the predetermined number of program channels in the electronic program guide.

18. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 17, said obtaining means and said receiving means being configured to operate as a client and server system, said obtaining means being a server and said receiving means being a client.

19. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 17, the worldwide network being the Internet.

20. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 17, wherein said obtaining means is configured to search said worldwide network according to a list of parameters.

21. An electronic program guide as claimed in claim 20, wherein said list of parameters includes a predetermined list of nodes.

22. An electronic program guide system as claimed in claim 17, said receiving means being configured to receive a broadcast of the scheduled live broadcast event via the worldwide network.